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President Donald Trump will pick Alexandra Dapolito Dunn, a longtime environmental attorney and current head of EPA's New England office, to head the agency's chemicals and pesticides office, the Washington Post reports, citing unnamed sources briefed on her nomination.

The White House did not immediately return request for comment.

The Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention has been in the spotlight following some controversial moves, including overturning the Obama administration's move to ban the pesticide chlorpyrifos. That action was reversed this month by a federal court that said EPA had ignored the science showing the pesticide posed a health risk.

The chemicals office is also responsible for implementing Congress' overhaul of the Toxic Substances Control Act, though Democrats and environmentalists have argued EPA is taking industry-friendly positions on asbestos and other harmful chemicals.

Trump's first nominee for the job, toxicologist Michael Dourson, drew fire for his close industry ties and eventually pulled his nomination after several Senate Republicans indicated they would not vote for him.

Dunn is seen as a more moderate pick. She was named last year to run EPA's Region 1, where she has gained the trust of community advocates working on contamination from perfluorinated compounds, or PFAS. Dunn hosted EPA's first community meeting on PFAS in June.

She served as executive director and general counsel for the Environmental Council of States for nearly four years. Prior to that she held similar roles at the Association of Clean Water Administrators and the National Association of Clean Water Agencies.

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